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BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages intended for insertion in this paper must be pre-paid at the following rates: For Births and Marriages, \$1.00; for Deaths, \$1.00, with funeral notice \$1.50.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES.

The brief announcement, which we gave yesterday in reference to the constitutional difficulty in the Australian colony of Victoria, scarcely did justice to the importance of the subject. Two branches of a responsible Government are at loggerheads with each other. The Assembly, as we have previously shown, passed a tariff bill, which the Upper House rejected. The Lower House then took the measure on to the bill of supply, which was also rejected. Here was a dilemma for a constitutional Government. The official salaries were unpaid, the contractors for public works were clamoring for money; but the Treasury was empty, and the Ministry could collect no taxes. The Assembly, however, were determined not to be balked; they applied to the various banks for assistance, and after having met with several refusals at last succeeded in negotiating a loan with the London and Chartered Bank. In order that there should be no objection on the ground of security, the Government allowed itself to be sued for the amount, confessed judgment, and so arranged a little legal fiction to place the bank beyond danger. So far this was a triumph for the Ministry; for it virtually bound the country to pay whatever liabilities it chose to incur without the assistance of the Upper House. It did not stop here, however; the tariff bill which the Legislative Council threw out, the Government acted upon and collected duties on the articles enumerated in the measure. Of course, captains of vessels, consignees and importers generally protested, but it was of no avail. The Government had the physical force at its back, and the customs receipts were collected as punctually as if the tariff measure had really become law. Actions were carried into the Supreme Court; but the Ministry laughed at the decisions and continued to enforce the tariff. In this position of affairs the Legislative Council petitioned Her Majesty for relief, describing the unconstitutional methods adopted by the Lower House. The Assembly were not slow to follow suit. They also had a grievance to make out, and they called upon Her Majesty to take steps to modify a constitution, which allowed a body in whom the public had no confidence to checkmate the legitimate demands of the people of the colony.

Meetings were called throughout the country to show that the Ministry were really trying out the wishes of the colonists. Everywhere almost the Government were endorsed, and the Upper House came in for a storm of popular indignation. We could not expect it otherwise. The Legislative Council of the Colony of Victoria is essentially an obstructive body. Composed almost exclusively of "squatters," who have for years interposed their speculative and aggrandizing propensities between the colony and its settlement—who have rejected every liberal land scheme, and shown themselves unmistakable enemies to the public weal, it was only natural that any Government acting against them would receive the public support. It was not merely the question whether the colony should have a certain tariff or not, but whether the real representatives of the people should be ridden over rough-shod, by men who had no higher claims to public confidence than when speculators in the public land, and valuing sheep at a much higher price than men.

What Mr. Cardwell will do in answer to the respective petitions it would be difficult to say; but we think he will side with the popular branch. We think he will be careful about running counter to the wishes of the people of the colony. The crisis is interesting to us as indeed it is to every British dependency. For with the very defective constitutions which govern the various colonies, there may be produced at any time serious conflicts between the respective branches of Government. With an elective Upper House, especially as is generally the case where it is allowed an existence of seven or ten years, it is impossible to provide any safety-valve for that undue pressure caused by a collision. In England, of course the Lower House can in an emergency, and in conjunction with the Crown, carry its measures through the Lords by creating the necessary number of peers to form a majority; and if it is necessary to coerce the Crown it can refuse to vote the Mutiny bill and thus bring the whole paraphernalia of Government to a stand-still. But in Colonies with elective Legislative Councils the thing is reversed, and the Assembly, as in the case of the Australian imbroglia, has no power, with or without the Governor, to add a single member to the Upper House. The whole affair, from beginning to end, only shows the folly of copying, and that imperitely, the institutions of Great Britain. There can be no House of Lords in the colonies; but the next best thing, or it may be the next worst thing, is a Council of men who are just as irresponsible, but whose position can be in no way affected by the other branches of Government. There is, nor has there ever been, the slightest necessity for two Houses of Legislature in any of the colonies. The old superstitious idea of having one House a check upon the other is simply putting on the drag while ascending the hill. If it were to assist legislation, instead of as it too often the case, to retard it, the objection to a second House might not have much weight; but experience shows that the retarding function is the one most frequently used, and that the evils of a comparatively irresponsible Upper House outweigh a thousand times the advantages.

P. M. BACKUS,

Auctioneer and Commission Merchant

SALE ROOM

No. 6, Commercial Row, Wharf street

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AUCTION.

Friday, Jan. 12, 1866,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A.M.,

King's Head

HOTEL,

JOHNSON STREET.

We are instructed by MR. W. C. KING, to

sell, on the premises, Johnson street,

Lease,

Buildings,

Good-will,

Stock-in-Trade

Furniture!

Ac. Ac. Ac.

Of the above Hotel.

The Lease has two years to run at the small

monthly rental of \$25. The premises

contain Rooms for over 30 beds, with

Sitting Room, large Bar Room, Store

Room, Dining Room, and Kitchen.

Offers for the Hotel and its contents will

be received till Friday morning, at 10 o'clock.

For further particulars apply to Mr. King,

on the premises, or to

Daniel Scott & Co.

Auctioneers

at the College.

THE

LADIES' COLLEGE

WILL RE-OPEN

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22d.

Lady Principal, - Miss Pemberton.

TEACHER OF MUSIC AND FRENCH,

MISS FITZ.

DRAWING AND PAINTING,

MR. VERNER.

TERMS.

Under 5 years of age, \$1 per month

Under 10 " " " " " " " "

Above 10 " " " " " " " "

N. B.—Boys under 7 years of age admitted.

For two or more pupils from one family a reduction is made.

MUSIC AND SINGING—\$4 per month extra.

Terms of Boarders, or other information, apply

to Miss Pemberton, at the College. de18

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice for

the Colony of Vancouver Island.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

The Ninth day of January, 1866.

WHEREAS A PETITION FOR AD-

judication of Bankruptcy, bearing date

the 2nd day of January, 1866, was duly

filed by MICHAEL GABRY of Yates Street,

Victoria, late Liquor Merchant, and he having

been duly declared a bankrupt, is hereby re-

quired to surrender himself to Joseph Needham,

Esquire, Chief Justice of the Court of Bank-

ruptcy, on Wednesday, the 24th day of January,

1866, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, precisely

at the Court House, James Bay, Victoria, and make

full discovery and disclosure of his estate and

effects, and when the creditors are to come

prepared to prove their debts, and at the

first meeting of the creditors, and to attend the

examination of the bankrupt. All persons indebted

to the said bankrupt, or who have claims against

him, are not to pay or deliver the same to William

Joseph Needham, Esquire, or to any other person,

until he has been appointed, and give notice to

the said Chief Justice, at the Court House, James

Bay, Victoria, on or before the 24th day of Janu-

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G. S. DICKENS,

Solicitor, Langley at eat

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Steam Communication with

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VANCOUVER ISLAND.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

19th December, 1865.

TENDERS ADDRESSED TO "THE

Colonial Secretary" will be received at this

office until Friday, the 12th day of January, 1866,

for the service of direct steam communication, in-

cluding conveyance of Mail, and passengers, be-

tween the Colonies of Victoria, New Westminster,

San Francisco and the undermentioned places, for a period

of six months, and also for a period of twelve

months:

For two direct trips in each month between San

Francisco and Victoria and back.

For three direct trips do. do.

For two direct trips in each month between San

Francisco and Victoria, and New Westminster and

back, running to Victoria and New Westminster

alternately.

For three direct trips do. do.

For two direct trips in each month between San

Francisco and Victoria, and New Westminster and

back, calling at Victoria both going and returning.

For three direct trips do. do.

The maximum rates proposed to be charged for

freight and passengers, the names of the vessels

proposed to be employed in the service, and the

proposed dates of arrival and departure from the

different ports are to be stated. The names of two

respectable persons who are to be given, who are

willing to become surety to the extent of five

thousand dollars for the due performance of the

service.

The service is to commence about the beginning

of February, but not later than the 14th of February.

The Government does not bind itself to accept

the lowest or any tender.

By His Excellency's Command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG,

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Steamer to Nanaimo.

THE STEAMER

"Sir James Douglas,"

Will sail for Nanaimo and way ports,

ON Wednesday Morning, 10th instant.

AT EIGHT O'CLOCK.

For freight and passage apply to Captain Clark,

on board.

By command.

B. W. PEARSE,

Acting Surveyor General.

\$20 REWARD.

STOLEN ON THE NIGHT OF THE

7th instant, from Esquimalt wharf,

A Whitehall Boat,

19 feet long, 4 feet wide; painted blue outside, with

an oak gunwale; light pink inside; name, the "Es-

quima." The above reward will be paid on delivery of the

boat in Victoria, on application to

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Wholesale & Retail
Variety Stores,
Waddington street, and corner of Government and Cormorant streets,
VICTORIA, V. I.
ESTABLISHED 1868.FINE WHITE GRANITE WARE
Glassware, Plated-ware,
GUNS AND PISTOLS!GARDEN UTENSILS, CROSS-CUT SAWS, AXES, HATCHETS, NAILS,
FRYING PANS, CURRY COMBS, BOLTS, LANTERNS, BRUSHES,
TINWARE, STOVES, TUBS, BUCKETS, WASHBOARDS,A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF HARDWARE
FURNITURE AND MATTRESSES.

Also, a variety of Second-hand Goods too numerous to mention. All of which will be

sold in quantities to suit purchasers, CHEAP FOR CASH.

House, Hotel, and Minors fitting out for the winter will find it to their

advantage to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere, as prices will be found to defy

competition.

N. B.—Second-hand Goods Bought and Sold.

Persons breaking up housekeeping will find it their interest to call on me before disposing

of their wares.

Orders from British Columbia and Puget Sound promptly executed.

JAS T. P. FREEMAN.

AUCTION.

P. M. BACKUS

Has been instructed to sell

By Public Auction,

THIS DAY,

WEDNESDAY.

The 10th day of January, 1866,

AT ONE O'CLOCK, AFTERNOON,

AT SALESROOM,

WHARF STREET,

Lot No. 108,

Johnson street, Victoria.

TERMS CAS

Spratt & Eriemler

IRON AND BRASS

Founders and Machinists

Albion Iron Works,

VICTORIA, V. I.

NOTICE.

Real Estate Assessment.

ALL PERSONS, OWNERS OF REAL

Estate in any district, are requested to

present a statement in writing, according to the

Form A, hereto annexed, of what Real Estate

they hold, and where situated, to the Office of

the Assessor of the said district, on or before the

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